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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF CRASH OF A U.S. AIR FORCE F-105 IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

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1. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS ONE DAY IN JUNE 1967, SAW A U.S. AIR FORCE F-105 SHOT DOWN BY A MISSILE FROM A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SITE AT ABOUT X.014033 IN PHU HOA HAMLET, DONG KINH VILLAGE, KHOAI CHAU DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE PLANE CRASHED IN KIM DONG DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE, ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS NORTH OF PHU HOA HAMLET. DID NOT SEE ANY PARACHUTES.

2. THE JET HAD BEEN FLYING WITH TWO OTHER F-105 AIRCRAFT. THE THREE PLANES FLEW OVER THE SAM SITE WHICH WAS LOCATED IN A PADDY FIELD AND HAD SIX MISSILES. AS THE PLANES APPROACHED, THE MISSILES WERE RAISED BUT THEY WERE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY LOWERED WHEN THE JETS FLEW OVER. AFTER THE JETS PASSED OVER, ONE SAM WAS RAISED AND FIRED, HITTING THE LAST F-105 IN THE TAIL. THE F-105 BURST INTO FLAMES AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BEGAN A STEEP CLIMB TO A HIGH ALTITUDE. IT THEN

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DIPPED AND PLUNGED TO THE GROUND. AFTER THE JET WAS HIT, THE OTHER TWO AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO THE SCENE AND FIRED ON THE SAM SITE WITH MACHINEGUNS AND ROCKETS. THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY PERSONNEL AT THE SITE WERE WOUNDED AND ONE SAM WAS DESTROYED. TEN SOVIET SPECIALISTS WORKING AT THE SITE AT THE TIME WERE UNHARMED.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: RECORDS INDICATE THAT TWO F-105'S WERE LOST NEAR THE LOCATION CITED IN REPORT. SOURCE PROBABLY OBSERVED ONE OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: 1LT LYNN K. P O W E L L, USAF, (JCRC NR. 6346), FLYING AN F-105D WAS DOWNED OVER HANOI ON 21 AUGUST 67 BY EITHER SAM OR MIG-TYPE AIRCRAFT FIRE. NO CHUTE WAS OBSERVED, AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT POWELL DIED IN THE AIRCRAFT AT V.1970130. THE "ASAHI" AND "MAINICHI SHIMBUN," JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS, DATED 23 AUGUST 1967 FEATURED PHOTOS OF WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. POWELL'S BODY CAN BE OBSERVED IN THE WRECKAGE OF AIRCRAFT. POWELL WAS LISTED AS KIA (BODY NOT RECOVERED) ON 21 AUGUST 1967. CAPT HERBERT L. M O R R I L L, USAF (JCRC NR. 0984) FLYING AN F-105D WAS DOWNED OVER HANOI ON 21 AUGUST 1967 BY EITHER SAM OR MIG-TYPE AIRCRAFT FIRE. NO CHUTE OBSERVED, AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT MORRILL DIED IN AIRCRAFT AT V.1970130. MORRILL WAS LISTED AS MIA ON 21 AUGUST 1967. POWELL AND MORRILL WERE IN THE SAME FLIGHT FORMATION AND WERE SHOT DOWN IN SAME INCIDENT.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON; SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY)